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TRANSPORTING A LIQUID BY MEANS OF PUMPS

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 12, 2003, the time for response having been extended to September 12, 2003, by concurrent petition and payment of fee, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the written description are reflected in the listing of paragraphs that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.